

BELGIAN RELIEF SHIPS ARE SUNK

Captain and Part of Crew
of One Ship Wounded by
Shells From U-Boat.

of whom eight are wounded, have been brought to Yusukido.

Six Hospital Ships Sunk.

Six hospital ships have been torpedoed or mined by the central powers since the beginning of the war. Thomas MacNamara, financial secretary of the admiralty, stated in the house of commons today.

In consequence, he added, 237 lives have been lost and 73 persons injured.

Carried a Safe Conduct.

New York, April 5.—It was stated definitely today by the Dutch and company, agents for the Belgian commission, that there were no Americans on the Trefler. If 24 men were landed at Trefler, as reported, then the entire crew was saved.

When the Trefler left here she carried a safe conduct pass signed by the Swiss consular agent, and the German requirements for the agents.

TWO MORE VESSELS WITH AMERICANS ABOARD SUNK

Washington, D. C., April 5.—Destruction of two more vessels, one British and one Norwegian, with Americans on board, was reported to the state department today by consul Lathrop, at Cardiff.

The Norwegian steamer Sandvika was sunk by a submarine, believed to have been German, while the British steamer Lincolnshire was sunk without any submarine being seen.

Crews of both vessels were in small boats for some time in exposed positions, before being rescued. There were no casualties in either case.

SINKING OF BRITISH SHIP CANADIAN IS REPORTED

Boston, Mass., April 5.—The sinking of the British steamer Canadian, which sailed from Boston March 24, was reported in a message received today from Queenstown by the Leyland Line from Dr. P. S. Burns, the ship surgeon. The message stated that all of the crew had landed except Capt. Bullock.

UNARMED AMERICAN SHIP IS SUNK; CREW IS SAVED

Washington, D. C., April 5.—Shelling without warning of the unarmed American steamer *Missourian*, which left Genoa, April 1, with 32 Americans

among the crew of 33, was reported to the state department today by consul general Wilbur, at Genoa. The crew was saved.

MISSOURIAN CARRIED GENERAL CARGO; HAD 37 AMERICANS
New York, April 5.—The American

steamship *Missourian*, owned by the American-Hawaiian Steamship line, and today reported, sunk left here March 6, for Italian ports. The ship

was unarmed and carried on her outward voyage a general cargo. She was commanded by Capt. William Lyons and carried a crew of 51 men, of whom 37 were American citizens, according to the shipping records here.

HUGE WAR FNND ASKED FOR ARMY AND NAVY

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provision for universal training is made, but may be added later.

Taxation and Bond Issue.

the war has not reached a definite stage but there are indications that the treasury will endeavor to raise by one

Unofficial estimates indicate there would be no great difficulty in raising \$2,000,000,000 at once by a bond issue at $\pm 1\frac{1}{2}$ percent.

Through present internal revenue taxes, the government will obtain about \$750,000,000 this year. Suggested increases in the inheritance tax

rate alone, it is estimated, would increase the return from that source to \$500,000,000. One plan being considered is to raise the rate of taxation on large estates up to 30 percent.

Lower Income Tax Limits.
The income tax, under existing rates, will yield approximately \$325,000,000

this year. Lowering of the exemption to \$2000 and increasing the rate on large incomes as proposed would swell the sum to over \$100 million.

Increased taxes on distilled liquors, beer and tobacco also are under consideration.

**GERMANS HELD INCOMUNICADO
AT FORT BLISS IS REPORT**

Several Germans who have been arrested by federal agents in El Paso during the last few days are being held prisoners at Fort Bliss, New Mexico.

The Germans are being held under military guard and are practically "incommunicado." The number of prisoners

Five Germans accompanied Gov. Gonzales from Chihuahua City to Juarez.

according to a report received Thursday by government agents. These Germans, who were said to have crossed here two weeks ago, joined Gov. Gonzalez's staff at Chihuahua City and will accompany him to Mexico City, the report states. A German was also re-

butions from German residents of Juarez Wednesday in order to go to Chihuahua City.

FRANCE GREATLY IMPRESSED BY AMERICA'S ENTRANCE

Paris, France, April 5.—"We all have the feeling that something great, surpassing the proportions of a political

premier Ribot in an address today in the chamber of deputies. "Entrance into the war with us of the most

The premier's address was delivered in the presence of Wm. G. Sharp, the American ambassador, and the other members of the diplomatic corps.

peace," M. Ribot continued, "the great American nation solemnly declares it cannot remain neutral in this great conflict between right and violence."

between civilization and barbarism."

THE COURTS

EIGHTH COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS.
J. R. Harper, E. F. Higgins and A. M.
Walthall, Justices.

Motions overruled—Andreas Chavez vs. J. J. Schairer, from El Paso, appellant's motion to advance; G. S. Dawson vs. Daniel Gorman, from Bessie, mo-

Motion granted—*B. C. Moore et al vs. P. C. Coleman et al*, from Mitchell, agreed motion to postpone and to resel-

Reformed and affirmed—First National Bank of Gorman vs. W. J. Mangum et al. from Eastland.

Affirmed in part; rendered in part—
Padgett Bros. Co. vs. H. B. Dorney, from
Midland.

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